

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes:	JOINT MEETING- Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission (BTAC) and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission (PRCRC)
Date of Meeting:	April 10, 2006
Time of Meeting:	7:30 P.M.
Place of Meeting:	Milpitas Sports Center Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BTAC Members

Present: Rene Briones, Miljon Buquing, Cheryl Bunnell, Bill Reisinger (Chair), Nawal Stanojevic, Fred Zeise (Vice Chair)
Staff: Janice Nadal, Joe Oliva

Absent: Kayci Nguyen, Vice Mayor Armando Gomez

PRCRC Members

Present: Robert Burrill, Frances Krommenhock (Chair) , Robert McGuire, Steve Munzel (Vice Chair) , Gurdev Sandhu, Raymond Serena, Edward Tuason, ,

Absent: Kathryn Gray, Henry Ku; Staff: Bonnie Greiner, Salia Lopa

Quorum was established.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRCRC Commissioner Burrill reported that the Milpitas Historical Society is hosting their April meeting featuring earthquakes, April 12, 2006, Milpitas Library, 7:00 pm. The meeting topic is in honor of the centennial anniversary in April.

PRCRC Commissioner Sandu reported that on behalf of the Sikh Foundation, he invites the commissioners to the MUSD Cultural Night at Milpitas High School, April 22, 2006, 7 pm. Admission is free.

PRCRC Commissioner McGuire shared the "Facing Disaster" Booklet with picture postcards from the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION to approve the April 10, 2006 agenda

BTAC Chair Reisinger suggested the Open Government Training Video move up after the Citizen's Forum.

BTAC Member Briones mentioned BTAC should discuss the Commission workplan and by-laws as listed in the February 6, 2006 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Briones suggested it be on the June meeting
Motion to approve the April 10, 2006 agenda with changes: Stanojevic;
Second: Bunnell

All Ayes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION to approve the February 6, 2006 BTAC minutes.
Commissioner Bunnell, requested changes to the minutes under "Report on Safety" where she had mentioned trucks improperly parked on Piper Street with plans of wood improperly blocking the trailing, creating a tipping hazard as opposed to "... with planks of wood obstructing the roadway."

MOTION to approve the February 6, 2006 BTAC minutes with changes:
Briones; Second: Bunnell
All Ayes

MOTION to approve the March 6, 2006 PRCRC minutes.
M/S: McGuire/Tuason
All Ayes

VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Sue Shaw, Kaiser Permanente. On April 26, 2006, 7:00 pm Kaiser will be presenting on earthquake preparedness at the Milpitas Sports Center. Members from the Red Cross and one of Kaiser's physicians that have assisted in Pakistan and the 2005 tsunami. The City of Milpitas Staff contact is Aaron Bueno, 586-3226. Kaiser is developing a program to target childhood obesity which includes bicycle and pedestrian issues.

Rob Means, 1421 Yellowstone Avenue. Mr. Means attended the City of Milpitas budget meetings early this evening, April 10, 2006. At the budget meetings, the City pre-selected items to be eliminated. There was no broad range of discussion so Mr. Means distributed to the BTAC and PRCRC Chairs suggested methods of increasing revenues. The increase of revenues means not having to cut any programs. Mr. Means suggests that the city should not be borrowing money from the redevelopment agency or any other source to pay for this structural deficit. We have an ongoing \$5 million deficit and we have been using one-time monies for the last few years.

VII. TOPICS

Report on Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Meeting Report

Chair Reisinger did not attend the last VTA Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

As a side note, Commissioner Zeise mentioned the VTA Light Rail change machine system does accept \$20 bills, however the change is in coins.

Report on Safety

There were no agenda items for this topic. The Commission utilizes this opportunity to ask staff questions on current safety-related topics in the City.

Commissioner Briones had a concern that the closure of Main Street for construction, closes the bike lanes without offering a detour or reopening another. Commissioner Briones requested that, in the future, when Main Street is in construction, and bicycle lanes are moved to Abel Street, that the bicycle

lanes be relocated first before closing bicycle lanes on Main Street. The construction is currently at Main Street between Weller and Carlo.

REPORT ON PUBLIC AWARENESS

Bike Map on the City's Website Update

Ms. Nadal stated the project is still moving forward.

Historical Bicycle Map

Ms. Nadal stated the project is still moving forward.

Bike to Work Day

BTAC Chair Reisinger stated that May is an important month for bicyclists. Chair Reisinger requested a proclamation for bike to work day. Ms. Nadal distributed to the commissioners a flyer on Bike to Work Day, hosted on Thursday morning, May 18, 2006. There are three energizer stations that the City is hosting including one at Public Works, City Hall, and Montague Expressway and Abel Street (near the Shell Station). Commissioners are welcomed to volunteer at one of the energizer stations or participate. The event is a regional event. Chair Reisinger will assist at any of the stations. Commissioner Stanojevic- City Hall 7:30 am, Commissioner Briones Shell Station 6:30 am. Chair can do a later shift at any station.

VTA BPAC Representation

Chair Reisinger has served on the VTA BPAC for quite a few years and would like to have a new person from the City of Milpitas to be on the Committee offering new insight. A representative from each of the cities within the County. Meetings are once a month, the second Wednesday of the month at the VTA Building. Chair Reisinger suggested Commissioner Zeise to attend. Ms. Nadal suggested to Commissioner Zeise to audit the next few meetings to see if he is able to attend. A City representative must be sent to the VTA by the first of July.

Coyote Creek Trail Opening

Ms. Nadal reported the date is not confirmed by the City Manager's office but dates will be a Saturday morning in May, possibly May 20, 2006. Ms. Nadal will send an email notification as soon as she finds out the dates.

Commissioner Munzel asked where the trail ends. Staff Joe Oliva stated this segment is localized and part of the 400 mile Bay Trail System that rings around the Bay Area. Chair Reisinger mentioned the commission would like to see a connection to Fremont through S. Fremont Boulevard. Mr. Oliva stated a pedestrian/bicycle connection from Berryessa Creek to Hetch Hetchy was completed last year. Mr. Munzel asked if there will Berryessa Creek toward the south end of Milpitas. Mr. Oliva stated that is a part of the overall Trails Master Plan system but currently not funded.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Open Government Ordinance Training

Commissioners viewed the City of Milpitas Open Government Ordinance Training.

Staff Janice Nadal stated she will forward to the BTAC Commission the Ordinance and form via mail. Ms. Nadal will have forward to the PRCRC staff liaisons the documentation to forward to the Commissioners. Commissioner Bunnell requested a power point document of the presentation or please place on the City's website.

As a side note, Chair Reisinger mentioned that the PRCRC might have questions about the Union Pacific Pedestrian Crossing project. At one time, the VTA offered funding to environmentally clear and fund construction for a pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks near Montague Expressway. Ms. Nadal shared due to the increase amount to fund the project, including the cost-share from the City, plus a lack of agreement on location of the pedestrian bridge the City decided to reprogram the funding into other Milpitas bicycle/pedestrian projects. Mr. Oliva stated that originally the connection was between Curtis Avenue and Yosemite Drive, but working with the businesses like Solectron and security issues, it was not feasible. The City performed a feasibility study to look at other locations. The routes were examined, and the costs increased. In exchange for this project, the City was able to fund part of the Berryessa and Coyote Creek Trail projects.

Chair Reisinger added that this area is still being reviewed because the area will be a transportation hub area hosting the light rail and the future BART station. At some point there will be a need for pedestrian access from the east side <of the City> to the transportation hub. This is a concern and people need to be able to walk safely. The Montague Expressway is going to be widened with sidewalks.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at

8:25 p.m.

M/S: Stanojevic/Bunnell
All Ayes

ASSIGNMENT SHEET

Janice Nadal/ Joe Oliva
Transportation Planning

- Provide bicycle map on the web.
- Provide information on Bike to Work Day.

Vice Chair Fred Zeise

- Attend VTA BPAC meetings within the next few months to see if he may be able to attend as the City of Milpitas representative.